(iv) Officers fresh from the College are not generally given independent charge of surgical and ophthalmic work before they pick up some practical training. They are posted to work in the General Hospital, Ernakulam and Civil Hospital, Trichur, before they are put in independent charge of mofussil hospitals and dispensaries.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it a fact that no Assistant Surgeon is put in charge of any hospital before he is given some training in ophthalmic and surgical works ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Invariably Assistant Surgeons in independent charge of hospitals are sent to the Civil Hospital, Trichur, and the Ernakulam General Hospital before they are given independent charge.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—And they generally work in the out-patient department there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not always so. There may be one or two instances.

Trichur Water Works.

4. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the amount spent so far for the Trichur Water Works;

(b) what is the maximum quantity of water that could be pumped out every day from the two existing wells there ;

(c) what is the average quantity of water that is daily pumped out from those wells now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 50,840—6—6 up to the end of Edavam 1106.

(b) At the rate of about 5,000 gallons per hour.

(c) During Medam 1106 a supply of 45,000 gallons per day was made during days of maximum consumption. The supply to the town during the hot season was about 30,000 gallons a day. During the monsoon months about 20,000 gallons is being pumped daily.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how many hydrants have they put up so far in Trichur ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Seventeen.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

5. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at what stage does the Hydro-Electric Scheme now stand;

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